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International Patent Application Publication No. WO 97/10668. Applicants note that U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/100648 is listed as a patent family member;

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 371 607;

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 420 779;

U.S. Patent No. 5,613,108. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,765,170 is listed as a patent family member; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,555,346. Applicants note that U.S. Patent No. 5,283,856, U.S. Patent No. 5,627,764, and U.S. Patent No. 5,802,253 are listed as patent family members.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner applying European rules to the European claims are set forth in the European Search Report.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

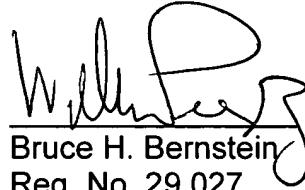
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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